

LIQUOR WAR FOR ENGLAND

MINISTRY BRINGS IN RADICAL LICENSE BILL.

Balfour Denounces It as Robbery—Not Likely to Pass Unchanged—Would Wipe Out One-third of All Saloons and Invade Even the West End Clubs in London.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.
LONDON, Feb. 27.—The country has long been speculating on the Government's promised licensing bill, dealing with the liquor trade and allied subjects, which Chancellor of the Exchequer Asquith introduced in the House of Commons this afternoon. It was known that it would be a drastic temperance measure, but few if any expected such sweeping proposals as Mr. Asquith announced.

If enacted the bill will reduce the existing licensed houses in England and Wales by one-third, in other words it will abolish about 30,000 bars at which intoxicants are now sold. There will thus be one licensed house to every 800 or 900 people in towns and one for every 400 or 500 in the country districts, compared with the present general average of one for every 370 inhabitants.

Compensation will be given to those who are dispossessed, being levied as now in certain cases upon the remaining license holders, but after fourteen years no compensation will be paid, while a license is taken away. The granting of all future new licenses will be the subject of local option, a poll being taken when demanded and a simple majority to decide. A refusal to grant a new license will be rescindable only after three years by another poll.

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RUSSIA PLOTTING WAR.

Hungarian Expert Says She Means to Attack England Soon.

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LONDON, Feb. 27.—Prof. Arminius Vambery of Budapest, whose information and views upon international politics command respect throughout Europe, makes a gloomy prophecy. He declares that the recently made Anglo-Russian convention will be repudiated by Russia whenever she may consider such a course convenient. He asserts that Russia is preparing for war against Great Britain as a means of diverting attention from internal revolution.

He adds: "Nothing could be more popular in Russia than a war with England. The Russian peasants have been educated to believe that Russia was not defeated by Japan, but indirectly by England. The new convention may serve for a time, but it is not the sheet anchor England supposes it to be."

MEDALS FOR MINERS.

King Edward Decorates Men Who Risked Life to Save Others.

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LONDON, Feb. 27.—King Edward to-day personally invested two miners named Chandler and Everson with the Edward medal for gallantry in coal mines.

The Edward medal was instituted last October. The medal of the first class is of silver and that of the second class of bronze, bearing on the obverse the effigy of the King and on the reverse a design representing the rescue of a miner, with the inscription "For Courage."

It is to be given to such as endanger their lives in saving or endeavoring to save the lives of others from perils in mines and quarries within the British dominions.

MURDER WITNESSES DEPART.

No Way of Holding Members of the Abarenza's Crew in Porto Rico.

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SAN JUAN, Feb. 27.—Seventeen out of the collier Abarenza's crew of twenty-two have been held as witnesses in the case of George Dickson, the sailor who is accused of the murder of Chief Officer Wiechart. The witnesses have sailed, however.

They were not able to furnish bonds and the captain of the Abarenza refused to be responsible for them. The commandant of the naval station, however, refused to hold them, there being no detention station here in which the men could be incarcerated.

\$30,000 FOR OLD CUP.

Copper Gilt Chalice Supposed to Date From Malmesbury Abbey.

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LONDON, Feb. 27.—A chalice of copper gilt and champleve enamel, believed to be from Malmesbury Abbey, was sold at auction at Christie's to-day for \$30,000.

Malmesbury Abbey is now in ruins. The church was a twelfth century structure. The institution probably antedates that period. William of Malmesbury, the chronicler, lived in the monastery about 1140.

Yellow Fever Kills Soldier.

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HAVANA, Feb. 27.—Robert J. Clifford, a private in the Fifteenth Cavalry, died of yellow fever to-day at Santa Clara. There have been no new cases among the soldiers in the last ten days.

TARHEELS CHEER CANNON.

North Carolinians At Their Dinner Greet Him as the President-Elect.

The North Carolinians who live hereabouts had some folk from down home to dine with them last night at the Hotel Astor. The Tarheels started right off by being political, because when the president, Walter H. Page, proposed a toast to the other President, Theodore Roosevelt, there was a profound silence.

That, it was explained, was because most of the persons present were in sympathy with or affiliated with the American Tobacco Company, which apparently doesn't like the President-elect. The silence was broken by the toast received was all the more pronounced when compared with the greeting that Uncle Joe Cannon's name got. Uncle Joe is a North Carolinian by descent, and that explains it. There was rapturous applause for him.

Dr. John C. Kilgo, president of Trinity College in Durham, N.C., to which institute James B. Duke gave \$1,000,000 simply because he likes Dr. Kilgo, got up to tell about the growth of prohibition in the South and what it means. Dr. Kilgo pitched into the South good and plenty. He said the temperance movement wasn't due to the W. C. T. U. or the churches, but was a natural movement of Southern citizens to break out of their civic unrighteousness. He characterized the strength of prohibition as due to the desire of Southerners to show that they had an opinion of their own, untroubled by the opinions of the North.

"The South has allowed its civic morals to decay," said Dr. Kilgo. "The citizens have been forced to act as a mass. Individualism was lost, and a mass attitude died. There was no interest that was not capitalized in behalf of some unholy ambition. The South now is casting an unfavorable light on the temperance movement." The South now is casting an unfavorable light on the temperance movement.

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"SIEGFRIED" IS SONG AGAIN

BURRIAN MAKES HIS REAPPEARANCE AS THE HERO.

Received With Favor on His First Performance of the Season—Mmes. Fremstad and Kirkby-Lunn and Miss Alten in the Cast—Mr. Mahler Conducts.

A small audience heard the second drama of Wagner's "Der Ring des Nibelungen" at the Metropolitan Opera House last night. It was the second performance of "Siegfried" this season, and these are not the days of intense Wagnerian enthusiasm. It is not necessarily the office of critical comment to account for the falling off in the popularity of any particular piece of lyric drama, but it seems patent that just now the operagoing public yearns for potent personalities, and there are too few among the Wagner singers.

Last night Carl Burrian, who has just returned to this country, made his first appearance of the season, impersonating the fearless young hero. Those who are eager to hear the melodic phraseology of Wagner's music should be grateful to Mr. Burrian. His voice, somewhat hard and unyielding, is nevertheless fresh, vibrant and a real tenor. He sings with freedom and in tune. He treats the text with respect and makes nearly all of it intelligible. He accomplishes this without exaggeration of the consonants and without shattering entirely the flow of the melody.

This is much to be said in favor of a Wagnerian tenor, especially in these days when the senuous beauties of singing are less esteemed in Germany than ruggedness of diction and vigor of declamatory accentuation. But those who love "Siegfried" have waited long for a little more of the glory of youth and the spontaneity of untrammelled manhood. Mr. Burrian's Siegfried is too businesslike, too well regulated, too prudent. It lacks abandon and elasticity. The gods have not made it poetical.

The other members of the cast were those heard at the previous performance of the work. Of Mmes. Fremstad's Brünnhilde, aroused from fire-girt slumber at a very late hour, nothing need be said except to remind the reader that it is not new and that it has already been heard with commendation. Mrs. Kirkby-Lunn as Erda and Miss Alten as the unseen bird were the other women in the performance.

Mr. Van Rooy's Wanderer had all its characteristic except mellowness of tone, and that indeed is seldom heard in his singing. In these days, Mr. Royle's Mime remains a masterpiece. Blackwell's Bluebeard and Mr. Goritz as Alberich supply good elements to the representation.

Mr. Mahler conducted, and his reading of the score might easily be made a topic for discussion, but nothing would be accomplished thereby. Intellectual and temperamental traits which in the music of "Tristan and Isolde" were perfectly paired with the more refined and subtle qualities of the work failed to achieve a perfect exposition of the tremendous elemental force of the purely physical expression of "Siegfried."

Mr. Mahler was more scholarly than passionate in his reading. It was admirable, but it was not stirring, except in one or two places. It was unimpressive, but it was not overdone. But perhaps after all we ought to be grateful for comprehension which is a trifle cool. It is better that inconsiderate power, Horace remarks: "Vis consili expers mole ruit sua."

CLAIM WALTER'S PLAY.

Cohan & Harris Say They Have a Contract for All His Work.

Legal proceedings are threatened by Cohan & Harris over "Paid in Full." Eugene Walter's successful play which is being produced at the Astor Theatre by Wagenhals & Kemper. Sam H. Harris said last night that his firm had made a five years contract with Walter for all his plays and that he knew nothing about "Paid in Full" until he learned that it had been turned over to some one else. He said that "The Undertow" was submitted to him, but as he couldn't use it he gave Walter permission to sell it somewhere else.

Mr. Harris said that he had sent a note to the playwright enclosing \$500 and demanding that "Paid in Full" be turned over to his firm, but Walter declined the offer.

Mr. Walter said that as no consideration was named in his contract with Cohan & Harris, and as that firm had never done anything for him, he felt that their action at this time was due to their willingness to take hold of something that was an assured success. They have allowed him to sleep on park benches and eat in cheap restaurants when he could scrape up the money, he said, and in view of the generosity he didn't feel that he owed them anything. He said that Cohan & Harris had agreed to call everything square if he would give them the out of town rights, which he turned down.

A Recital for Two Pianos.

Harold Randolph and Ernest Hutcheson, who hail from the Peabody Conservatory of Music in Baltimore, the former being its head and the latter one of its chief instructors, gave at Mendelssohn Hall yesterday afternoon a recital of music written for two pianos. Schumann's "Andante" and variations in B flat, Beethoven's impromptu on themes from "Manfred," the andante and scherzo from Brahms's F minor sonata, a caprice by Mr. Hutcheson and Liszt's "Concerto Pathétique" constituted the program. Recitals of this kind are rare in this city, and they have a musical interest all their own. It would be difficult to have compositions for two pianos played with more excellent ensemble and taste than those displayed by Messrs. Randolph and Hutcheson.

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REARDON CASE TRANSFERRED.

Jerome's Raider Will Have to Be Indicted Now if He Is to Be Tried.

Edward J. Reardon, who was head of District Attorney Jerome's raiding squad, and Sergt. Joseph Wasserman, his chief lieutenant, will be tried in General Sessions on the charges against them that resulted from the East Side raids. There are three charges of oppression and one of extortion against both. They have been held by Magistrate Crane for trial in Special Sessions, but on the motion of their counsel, Al Levy, Judge Swann yesterday transferred their cases to General Sessions. This means that they will have to be indicted before they are tried.

There is some speculation as to whether District Attorney Jerome will assign a member of his staff to prosecute them or get an outsider.

McKinley Home Memorial Plan Balked.

CANTON, Ohio, Feb. 27.—The plans of the McKinley National Memorial Association to take over President McKinley's late home as a public memorial has been found impossible. Heirs to the estate would not sell at the price, \$25,000, tentatively agreed upon months ago, and the court has ordered the property offered at public sale.

The Rev. E. S. Forbes going to Cambridge. The Rev. Elmer S. Forbes, rector of St. John's Episcopal Church in Summit avenue Jersey City, one of the most influential parishes in the Newark diocese, has tendered his resignation to the vestry to take effect on June 1. He proposes to engage in a social settlement work in Cambridge, Mass.

Tucker—Brady.

ALBANY, Feb. 27.—Miss Marcia Myers Brady, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony N. Brady, was married to-day to Carl Tucker, son of Mrs. Luther E. Tucker of Albany. The Rev. Dr. Walton W. Battis-shall, rector of St. Peter's Church, performed the ceremony.

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NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW

Fifteen prominent contributors make the number world-wide in range and world-broad in view. The vital things of to-day are here discussed by the men who know the most about them. Timeliness marks this great March number. Especially up to the moment are "World Politics" and "The Editor's Diary." Of the fifteen articles do not by any chance miss these five:

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The Truth About German Expansion.
Baron von SPECK-STERNBURG
For a Parcel Post
GEORGE V. L. MEYER
Prospects of Aerial Navigation
Professor SIMON NEWCOMB
The Romance of the Diamond
SIR WILLIAM CROOKES
Corporations in Modern Business
GEORGE W. PERKINS

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BOOKS AND AUTHORS.

A new book by J. M. Barrie is a literary event to be greeted with interest and delight. The new volume promised and said to be on the way is a sequel to "The Little White Bird," published five years ago, and will be called "When Wendy Grew Up."

The sequel to "Soprano," by Mr. Marion Crawford, will be called "The Prima Donna" and will deal with the later life of Margaret, the English girl who became a famous singer.

Mr. William J. Locke has been obliged to change his "Beloved Vagabond" decidedly in the process of dramatization. The novelist preserved his hero a vagabond to the end by suppressing his sentimental character and wedding him to the peasant girl who had shared his picturesque vagabondage. The play, requiring situations rather than whimsical reflections, is a pure romance which begins with the quixotic bargain by which Paragot loses his beautiful English Joanna and ends, according to the rules of romance, with restoration of his original sweetheart.

Only in the second act will the true lovers of the picturesque vagabond find the reckless Paragot who delighted them in the novel. Gertrude Atherton was recently the guest of honor at a London banquet of the Lyceum Club, at which May Sinclair was in the chair. Mrs. Sinclair has a very demure and retiring personality, while Mrs. Atherton, who is of the type one expects to find conspicuous as well as executive in administrative capacity, has never identified herself with club organizations at all.

The new edition of the poems of Robert Underwood Johnson, to be published early in the season, will include the author's first and second books, now out of print, and the four long pieces by which, aside from his lyrics, he is best known—"The Winter Hour," "The Apostrophe to Greece," "Hands Across the Sea" and "The Italian Rhapsody." There will be also a group of "Paraphrases from the Serbian," versified from literal translations by Nikola Tesla.

Miss Elizabeth Robins's Alaskan material for her two books "The Magnetic North" and "Come and Find Me," to be issued this week, was gathered during her journey in search of her brother. Although both the author and her brother fell ill and almost died of fever in both books, the dominant note is "that passion for the North that is like nothing else on earth in the way of land love."

A timely book now being issued is a short illustrated biography of Debussy, the composer of "Pelléas et Mélisande," which has been written by the "Living Masters of Music" series. The book contains a discussion and history of the opera, with motifs reproduced from the score. There will be also a chronological list of Debussy's works, including several in preparation, which will be of interest to musicians as the composer does not classify his works in opus numbers.

"A Life of Alice Freeman Palmer," by George Herbert Palmer, is to be published with portraits. Mrs. Palmer was the president of Wellesley College before her marriage, the dean of the woman's department of Chicago University in the early days of its existence when problems were numerous and difficult, and she was one of the leading educators of the country.

Col. Mosby's forthcoming book "Stuart in the Gettysburg Campaign" is divided into two parts, "Brandy" and "Gettysburg." The captions under "Brandy" include Hooker and the Army of Northern Virginia, Culpeper, Beverly Ford, Brandy Station, &c. "Gettysburg" includes Gen. Lee Moves to the Potomac, Hooker at Fairfax, Gen. Ewell and Gen. Lee's Report, &c.

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"I was always ravenously hungry and while I could not eat the appetizing dishes on the table, I longed for them. That longing is what prompted me to try Grape-Nuts. The food had a flavor that I liked—rich without being heavy.

"I left off my daily laxative as I found it did not need it for Grape-Nuts was so easily digested, constipation soon disappeared. I found, too, that I did not grow tired of Grape-Nuts, and continued to eat it.

"It forms my breakfast exclusively and I also eat it with eggs and fruit for my other meals. I have gained 10 pounds in less than a year and that is nothing compared with my gain in strength and courage.

"I can now eat a hearty meal which satisfies my appetite and it does not leave me as formerly, feeling as though I had dined on tacks." There's a Reason.

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BOOK AUCTION—150 West 125th St., at 7:30 to-night. JAMES WHART, Auctioneer.

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BISHOP INGRAM ON WEALTH.

Owners of It Only Stewards, He Says in a Sermon in Berlin.

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BERLIN, Feb. 27.—The Right Rev. Arthur Ingram, Bishop of London, who is on his way home from Russia, preached in the English church here to-night. There was a big muster from the American colony, presumably to the Bishop's recent visit to the United States.

He repeated in part the sermon he preached in New York, saying that the wealthy were not the owners but the stewards of their wealth. Among other things he said he had noticed in America, as in England, a want of joy. He ascribed this to the want of true religion.

Conversing with the correspondent of THE SUN Bishop Ingram said he regretted the publicity American newspapers had given to the game of tennis he played with President Roosevelt. It was likely to give a false impression of his true character as a bishop.

WINSTON CHURCHILL'S REPORTS.

Official Ones Not Published, but What About the Magazine One?

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LONDON, Feb. 27.—In the House of Commons to-day Winston Churchill, Under Secretary for the Colonies, in replying to a question by Sir Charles Vincent regarding his magazine articles on his recent trip to Africa, said he had submitted to the Earl of Elgin, Secretary for the Colonies, a series of reports on various public matters with which he became acquainted in the course of his travels. These reports were confidential and could not be published.

Sir Charles Vincent asked, amid laughter, whether Mr. Churchill's magazine articles were to be regarded as official reports. He announced that he would again raise the question.

ITALIAN DOOMED IN RUSSIA.

Calvin, Terrorist Writer, Sentenced to Death—Appeal to Giolitti.

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St. PETERSBURG, Feb. 27.—The Italian journalist Calvin, who is an avowed terrorist and who was arrested a few days ago when the police swooped down on the terrorists here, has been sentenced to death.

His colleagues are trying to save him. They have petitioned Signor Giolitti, the Italian Prime Minister, to intervene in his behalf. Six of the prisoners accused with Calvin were also sentenced to death.

ROME, Feb. 27.—The parliamentary newspaper reporters upon learning the fate of Calvin immediately wrote to Premier Giolitti appealing to him to save their colleague. Signor Disolitti, a Socialist Deputy, questioned Signor Tittoni, Minister of Foreign Affairs, on the subject and the Minister is expected to reply to-morrow.

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